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## MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS STANDARD OF CARE HYPERTENSION

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
History of hypertension	Blood pressure above 220/140	Hypertensive crisis
Taking antihypertensives	and any of the following:	Eclampsia
Pregnant	Headache	Cocaine induced hypertension
Renal disease or on renal	Dizziness	
dialysis	Weakness	
Cocaine use within the last 24	Epistaxis	
hours	Blurred vision	
	Nausea, vomiting	
	Seizure	
	Altered level of consciousness	
	Routine medical care	
	for all patients	
	<b>Y</b>	
1st Responder		
	BP > 220/140 with any	
	associated symptoms?	No→ Attempt to determine cause
BLS	associated symptoms:	
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ILS	Yes	
Ei	Attament to determine access	<b>*</b>
ALS	Attempt to determine cause	Refer to appropriate
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	Refer to appropriate	
	protocol	<u> </u>
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	Initiate IV ◀	Yes————————————————————————————————————
	<b>*</b>	
	Contact medical control	No •
	as necessary	Transport to closest
	Consider reguest for	appropriate facility
	Consider request for	·
	nitroglycerin —	
	Transport to closest	
	appropriate facility	
	appropriate facility	

## **NOTES:**

- Be sure to obtain multiple blood pressure readings.
- Treat the patient not the blood pressure.
- When considering request for nitroglycerin, be sure to determine if patient has used Viagra or Viagra-like medications within the last 24 hours.